

Mr. R I D E R's A N S W E R

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The False and Scandalous Reflections and Allegations in Warner's CASE; and PETITION of the Mayor and Jurors of Deal.

THE two first Paragraphs relating to *Warner's* Project, begun without any Grant, or Lawful Authority, contrary to the Letters Patents granted to *Mr. Burditt*, and *Mr. Rider*, in order to destroy their Right, having been debated and determined already by this Honourable House, will need no further Reply.

And although *Mr. Burditt's* Name, as a Promoter of this Undertaking, be first mention'd in the Grant; his Share, by Agreement, is and was to be but one Fifth Part, after all Charges and Expences are deducted; for by *Mr. Rider's* Interest, and with his Money, the same was procured, who is not only concerned as a Patentee, but, till his Mortgage be satisfied, is also the sole Proprietor thereof, in his own Right, and not my Lord *Griffin's*, as is falsely suggested.

That the Granting Patents for New Inventions, and Works of this nature, together with the liberty to break up High-ways, Streets and Passages, for Publick Uses, notwithstanding *Warner's* Opinion to the contrary, are Rights belonging to the Prerogative of the Crown; and without breaking up the High-ways, Streets and Passages between the North River and *Deal*, the said Town and Port cannot be supplied with Fresh Water, as it hath been represented to this Honourable House already, when *Warner's* Bill was rejected, to make way for *Mr. Rider's*.

It's a sign of a very bad Cause, when false and scandalous Reflections and Allegations are made use of to support it; and of a worse constitution, when Interest, which is too apt to blind Corporations, can prevail with them to commit such gross Mistakes under their Hands, as are contained in the *Petition* presented to this Honourable House by the Mayor and Jurors of *Deal*, to obstruct *Mr. Rider's* Proceedings.

But plainer Proofs, and stronger Evidence cannot be had to justify the Patentees Proceedings, and confute and detect the False and Scandalous Reflections and Allegations in the said *Petition* and Case of *Warner's*, than the very Proposals and Contracts to which they refer themselves, Subscribed by One Hundred Sixty Eight of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Deal*, made between *Edmund Clifford* of *Grays-Inn*, to whom the Patentees Assigned their Interest, and the said Subscribers only; notwithstanding what is alledged and insinuated in the beginning of the *Petition*, and middle of *Warner's* Case to the contrary.

Nor were there any other Person or Persons employ'd in the proposing, procuring or taking the said Subscriptions, than *Mr. William Feudall*, His present Majesty's Store-keeper at *Deal*, and *Mr. Robinson*, who was not sent thither on this Account, as is falsely alledged, but had been there some Months before, in order to retrieve a *Houy* sunk in the small *Dowry*, and therefore recommended by *Henry Sawyer*, Esq; a Councillor of the *Temple*, as a proper Person to Supervize this Work, and Assist *Mr. Feudall* in procuring the said Subscriptions; as by the Testimony of Captain *Smith*, who engaged *Mr. Feudall* in this Undertaking, and was twice down himself during that Transaction, to view and lay out the Ground between the North River and *Deal*, will appear.

Which Contracts and Subscriptions were taken on or about the 13th. of *December*, 1694. and were in the following Month of *February* finished, and sent up to *Mr. Sawyer*, as by the Dates of the said Contracts and Letters from the said *Mr. Feudal* and *Robinson* most evidently appear, which was Twelve Months before the late Plot: And yet 'tis positively affirm'd, both in the *Petition*, and *Warner's* Case, That the said Subscriptions were taken by *Cole*, alias *Hall*, together with *Robinson* and *Gellibrand*, at the time of the late Plot, when search was made after them, and by no other Person.

What Credit therefore can be given to Men who take the liberty to asperse others in so false and scandalous a manner? And to make this more monstrous, Twelve of the Subscribers to this *Petition* are Subscribers to those very Contracts which apparently contradict the *Petition* in Point of Time, and Matter of Fact.

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That *Robinson's* Name is mention'd in Sir *John Friend's* Tryal, on Examination appears to be true, but not as a Party concerned in the Plot, as is alledged: But suppose he had been employed about the time of the Plot, and had been guilty of Treason, Murther, or any other Capital Crime, that ought no more to affect this Undertaking, than Mr. *Rider's* Confinement in the *Fleet* at that time, with many more innocent Gentlemen; unless his being deprived of his Liberty then, can be thought a good Argument now to deprive him of his Right also, though never concerned, directly or indirectly, in any Plot or Design against the King or Government.

The next Paragraph contains a false Recital of Mr. *Rider's* Case, and from an Inferrance grounded on that Foundation, *Warner* would Insinuate, that the 2500*l.* raised by Mr. *Rider*, some months before the Revolution, to defray the Charge and Expence of the Patent, and Undertaking, was applied eight Years after in a Correspondence with *France*; which no body sure but *Warner* would offer to this Honourable House, for a Reason to obstruct Mr. *Rider's* Bill, brought in by their Order, after the Matter of Right had been contested and determined by them.

And that no New Objection of *Warner's* may be left unanswered, Mr. *Sanyer* before-mention'd was the Person who propos'd to Mr. *Rider* to Raise Money to Carry on and Accomplish the said Work and Undertaking; and upon that score became concern'd in the Management. But a Dispute arising between them, Whether the Money that had been Raised, or what was to be Raised, should be first satisfied; for want of an Accommodation in that Point, the Work was obstructed, after the Engineer had made his Computation, the Ground was laid out, and the Subscriptions were procured, as by the several Draughts, Computations, and Subscriptions most plainly appear. Which Objection is now out of doors; since Mr. *Rider* is Resolved, and has Undertaken to Carry on the said Work himself, in a better and more certain manner, for the Use both of the Town and Shipping, than *Warner* can pretend to; whose chief Expence hath been in sinking a Well; which, in the Opinion of the most able Engineers, will never supply both the Town, and Shipping with fresh Water, when any number of Men of War and Merchant Ships are riding and abiding in the *Downs*.

And unless better Arguments can be produced, to support this Inconsiderate Undertaking of Warner's, than hitherto appears, Mr. Rider hopes he shall not meet with more Obstructions to deprive him of his Right, and hinder so good and necessary a Work; which is the Design of that False and Scandalous Petition, and Malicious Case of Warner's.

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